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Region 6 2016 Adult Pheasant Release Site Informational Handout

Adult Pheasants are released in three counties prior to the youth hunt weekend and all five counties prior to opening day of the regular season, as well as throughout the month of October. A map of each release site is attached to this handout. If you have any questions regarding the hunting locations please call the appropriate wildlife office. For more information see our website above.

Please note that the release sites are a combination of public and private lands. Please respect all posted signs. Please do not use motorized vehicles where prohibited or without permission from landowners.

Seasons:

Youth Hunt Weekend:

The youth-only pheasant season is Sept. 24 and 25. Region 6 pheasant hunt locations at Perch River WMA (Jefferson Co.), Upper and Lower Lakes WMA (St. Lawrence Co.), and Oriskany Flats WMA (Oneida Co.) will have birds stocked for hunting on the Youth Hunt Weekend.

Regular Season:

Jefferson, St Lawrence, Lewis, Herkimer, Oneida Counties - October 1- February 28.

Herkimer/Oneida County Release Site

Contact: Herkimer Wildlife

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation- Region 6

225 North Main Street, Herkimer, NY 13350

Phone: (315) 866-6330

Jefferson County/Lewis County Release Site

Contact: Watertown Wildlife

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation- Region 6

317 Washington Street, Watertown, NY 13601-3787

Phone: (315) 785-2261

St. Lawrence County Release Site

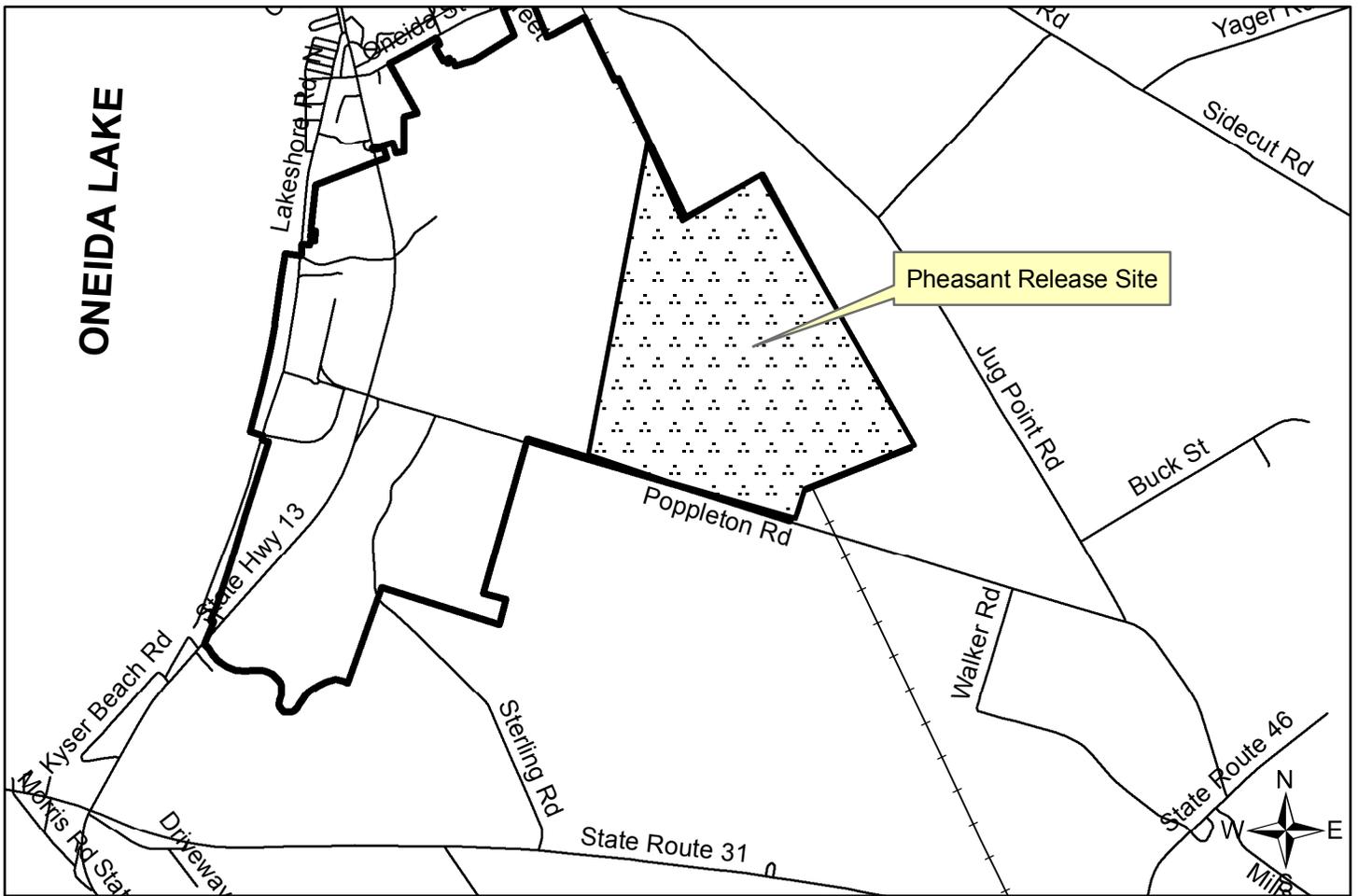
Contact: Potsdam Wildlife

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation- Region 6

6739 US Highway 11, Potsdam, NY 13676 Phone: (315) 265-3090



Verona Beach State Park Pheasant Release Site (Oneida County)



Verona Beach State Park (T/O Verona)

Verona Beach State Park is currently a FWMA cooperater with the NYSDEC.
The park is located just south of Sylvan Beach along Rt. 13 on the very east end of Oneida Lake.

Pheasants will be stocked in the fallow fields along the north side of Poppleton Road.
Hunters are required to sign in and obtain a seasonal hunting permit from either the Utica DEC office or the Verona Beach State Park office.

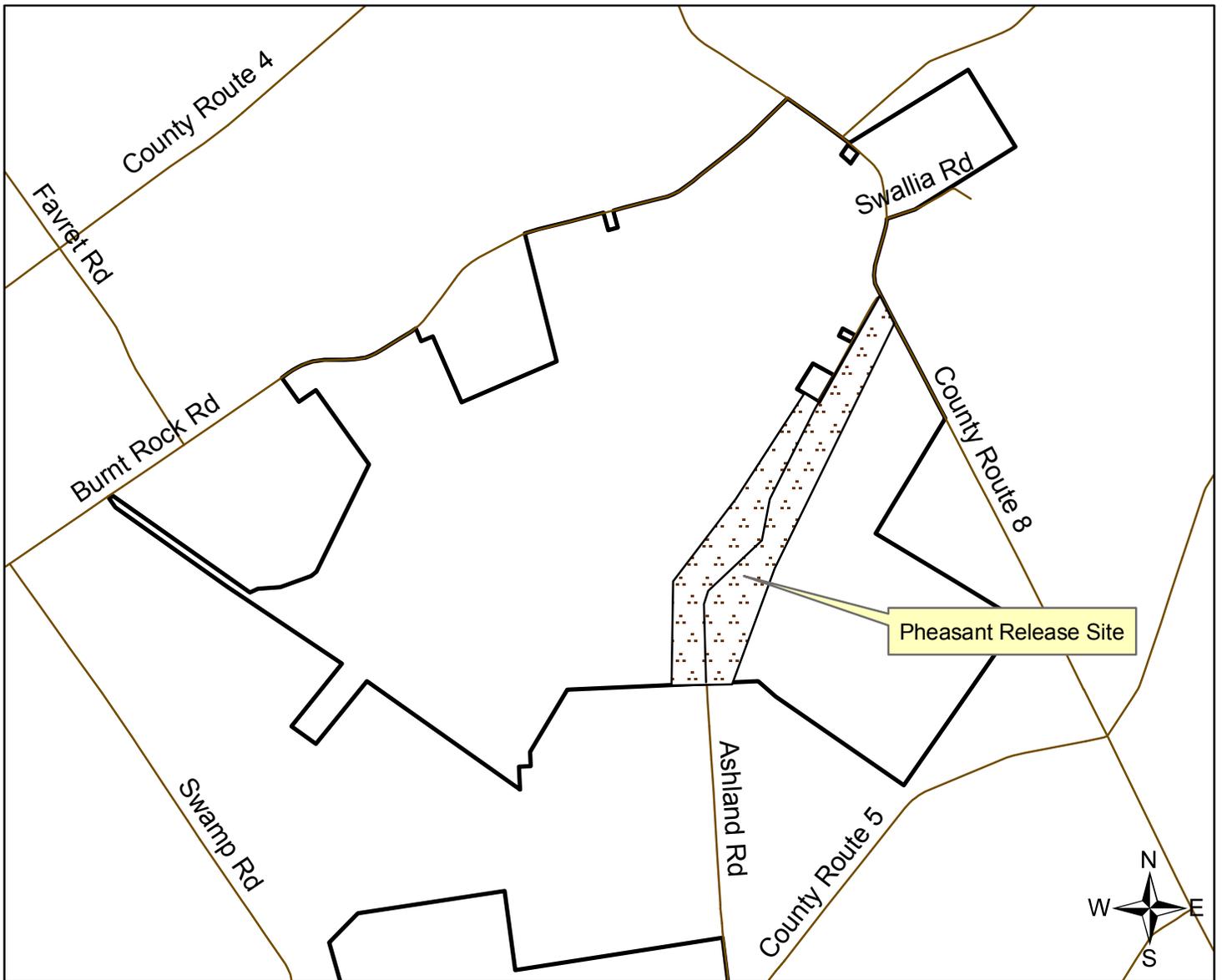
All regulations for hunting the park are clearly outlined in the permit.

Permits for Verona Beach can be obtained from the following offices:

NYSDEC
Utica State Office Building
207 Genesee Street, Room 1404
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 793-2554

VERONA BEACH STATE PARK
Box 245
Verona Beach, NY 13167
(315) 762-4463

Ashland Wildlife Management Area Pheasant Release Site (Jefferson County)



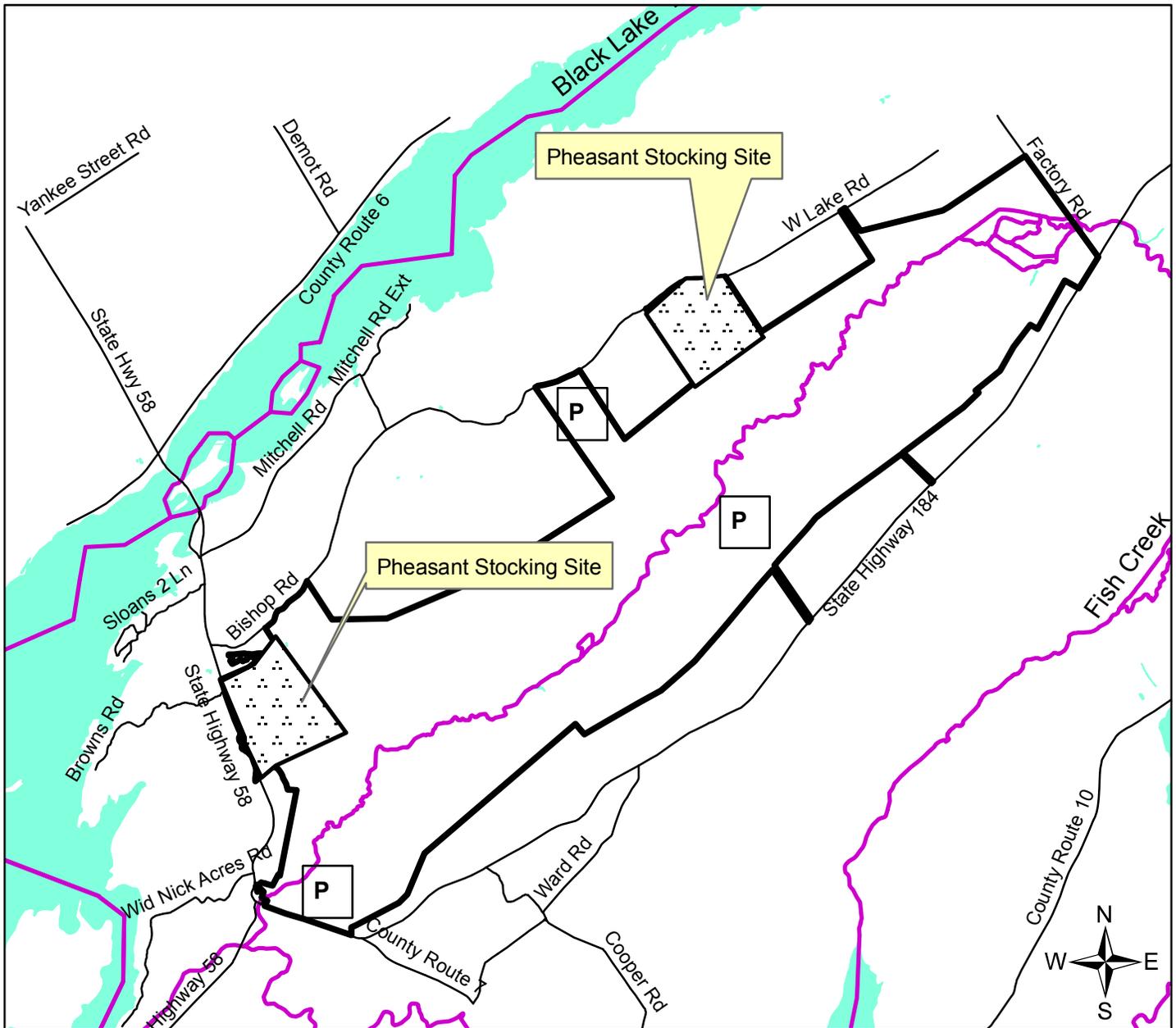
Ashland Wildlife Management Area (T/O Cape Vincent and Lyme)

Located in northern Jefferson County. Access area off County Route 8, along Ashland Rd.

Habitat on this 2040 acre WMA consists primarily of grasslands.
Pheasants are stocked from Ashland Rd.

No permit required.

Fish Creek Wildlife Management Area Pheasant Release Site (St. Lawrence County)



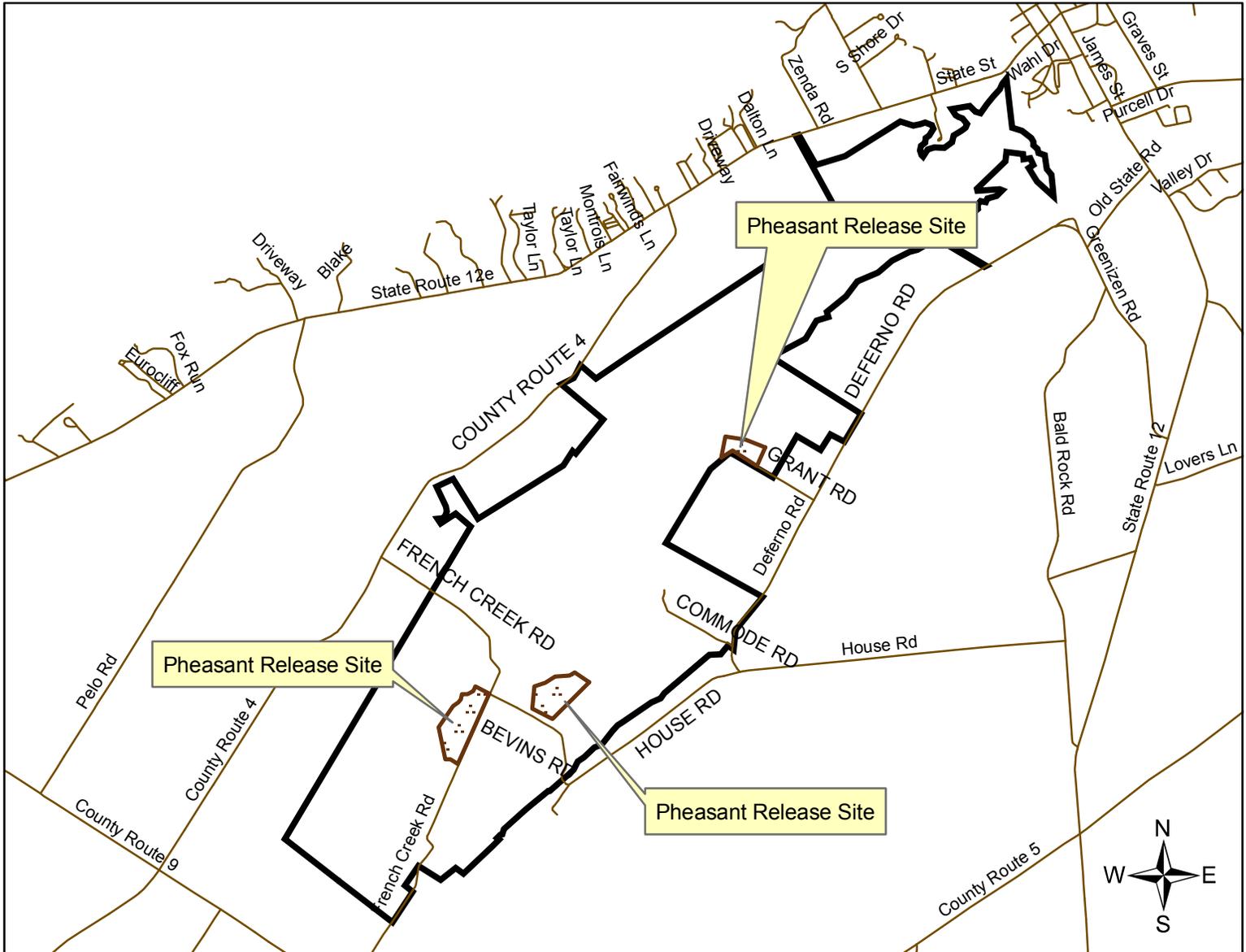
Fish Creek Wildlife Management Area (T/O Macomb)

Pheasants are released along the fields associated with the access roads off State Highway 58 and West Lake Road.

Habitat is typical mowed hayfields and early successional shrub areas.
Birds may also be encountered along wetland edges.

No Permit Required

French Creek Wildlife Management Area Pheasant Release Site (Jefferson County)



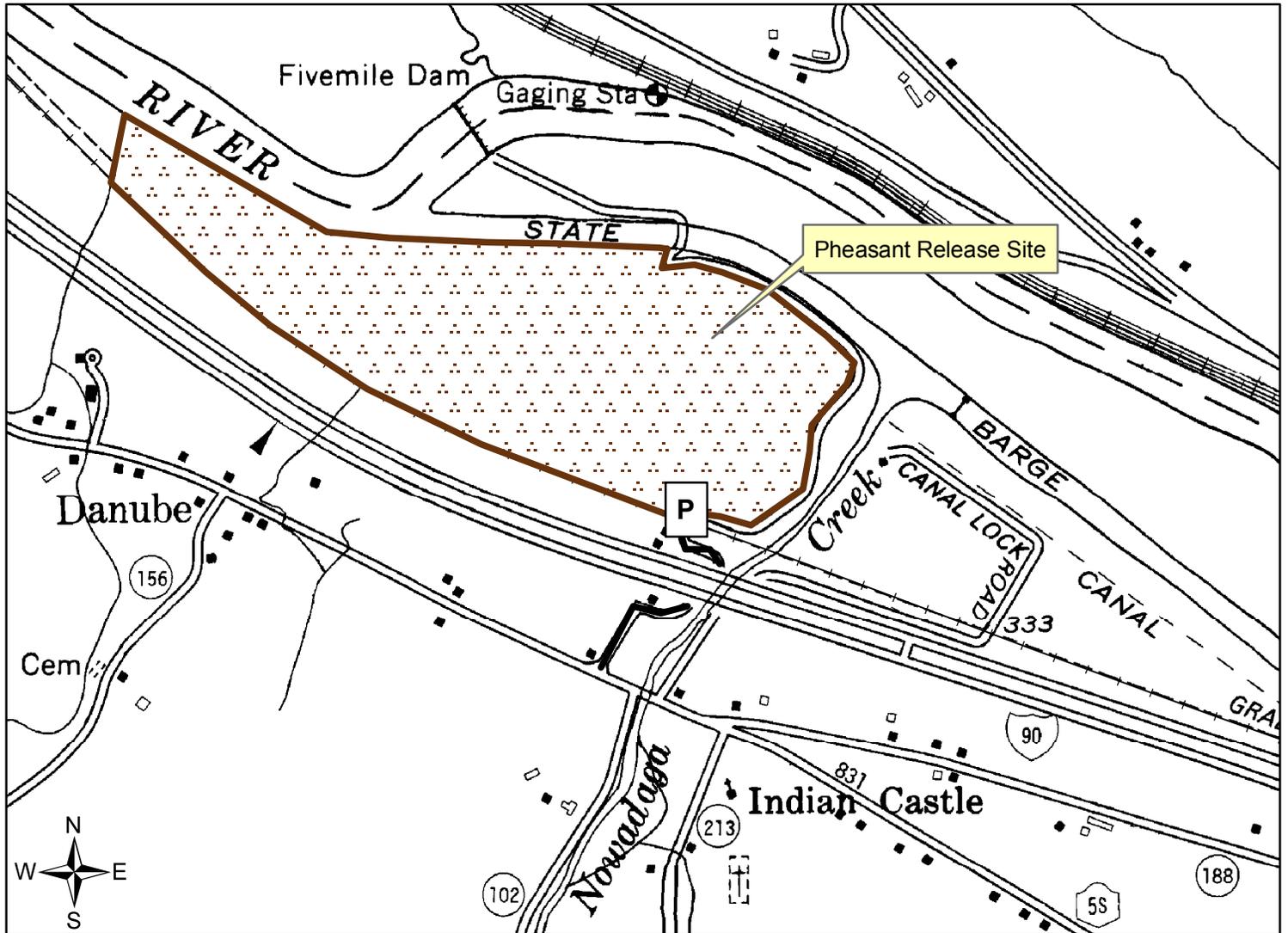
French Creek Wildlife Management Area (T/O Clayton)

Located southwest of Clayton in Jefferson County. Access is best gained 4 miles from the village on French Creek Road. The DeFerno, House and Grant Roads also provide access to the south.

This 2300 acre WMA contains over 300 acres of maintained grassland, along with woodland and wetland components. Pheasants are stocked within the WMA from French Creek, House, and Grant Roads, and Rte.12E.

No permit is required.

Pheasant Release Site (Herkimer County)



Nowadaga Creek (T/O Danube)

Hunting in fields at the end of Depot Road between Canal and Hike-way trail.

Parking is located at yellow gate.

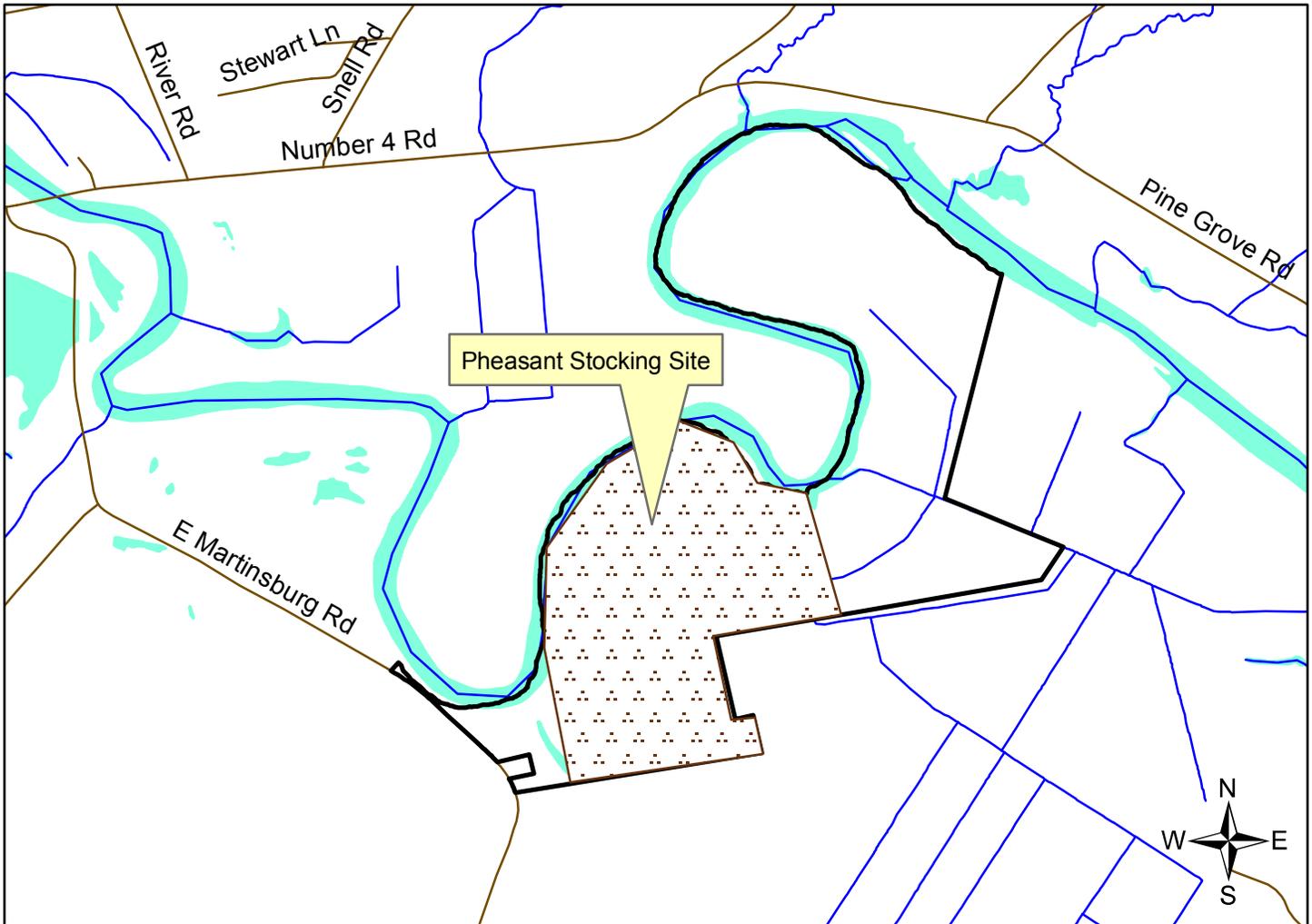
This stocking area is a combination of State Canal land and private lands.

Please follow the 500' law when hunting near buidlings.

Please obey all posted signs and no motorized vehicles on field.

No permit is required.

Martinsburg Road Pheasant Release Site (Lewis County)



Martinsburg Road Property (T/O Martinsburg)

This property is located in central Lewis County at 6490 East Martinsburg Rd.

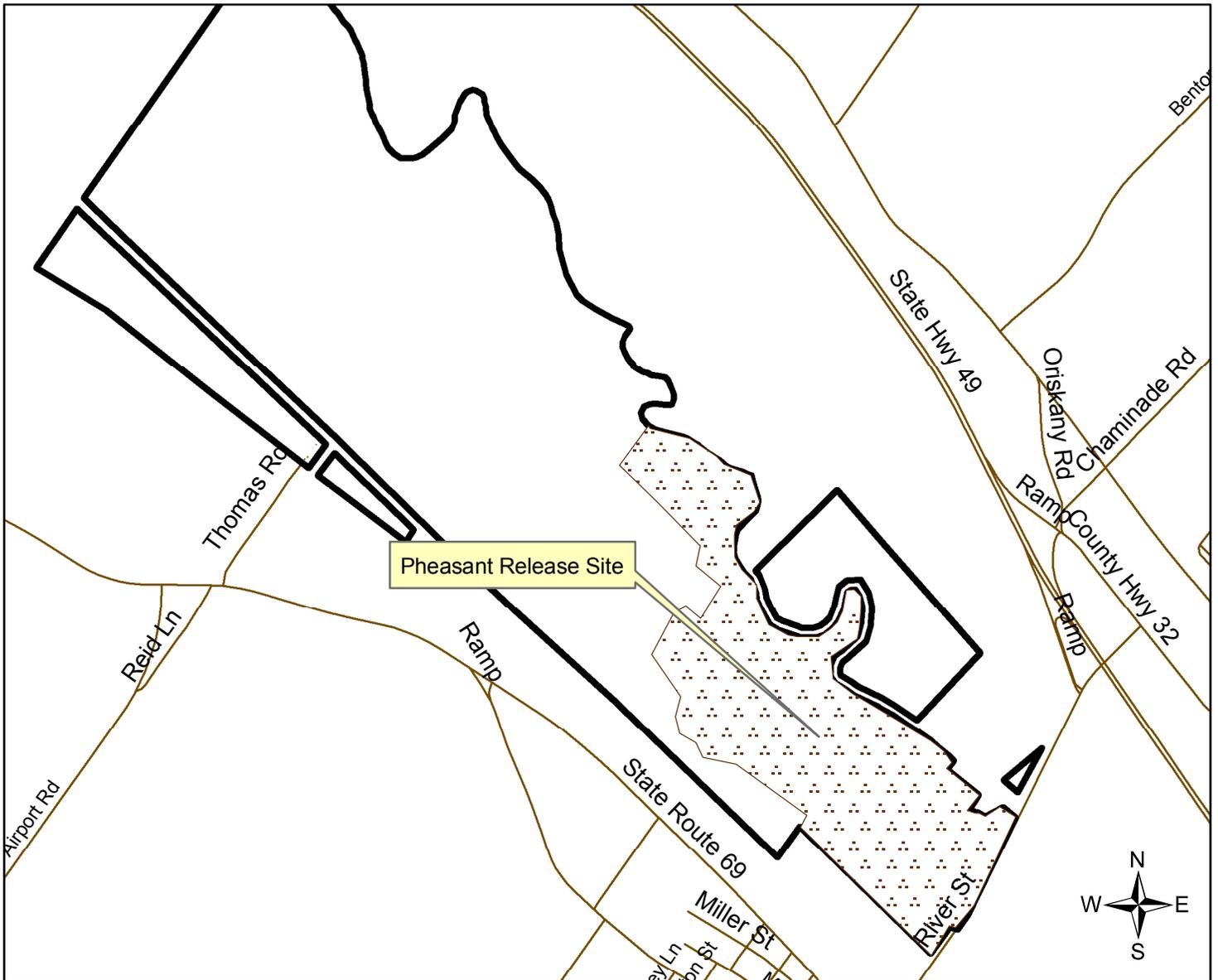
Follow pheasant hunting signs from the intersection of State Route 12 and East Martinsburg Rd.

Self sign-in at red tool barn behind house.

It is illegal to discharge a firearm within 500' of a dwelling, farm building or structure in occupation or use.

Please respect this landowners property. This is private property and it is a privilege to hunt this property.

Oriskany Flats Wildlife Management Area Pheasant Release Site (Oneida County)



Oriskany Flats Wildlife Management Area (T/O Whitestown)

Access is gained from the parking area off River Street outside the village of Oriskany. River Street is located off the Oriskany exit of Route 49.

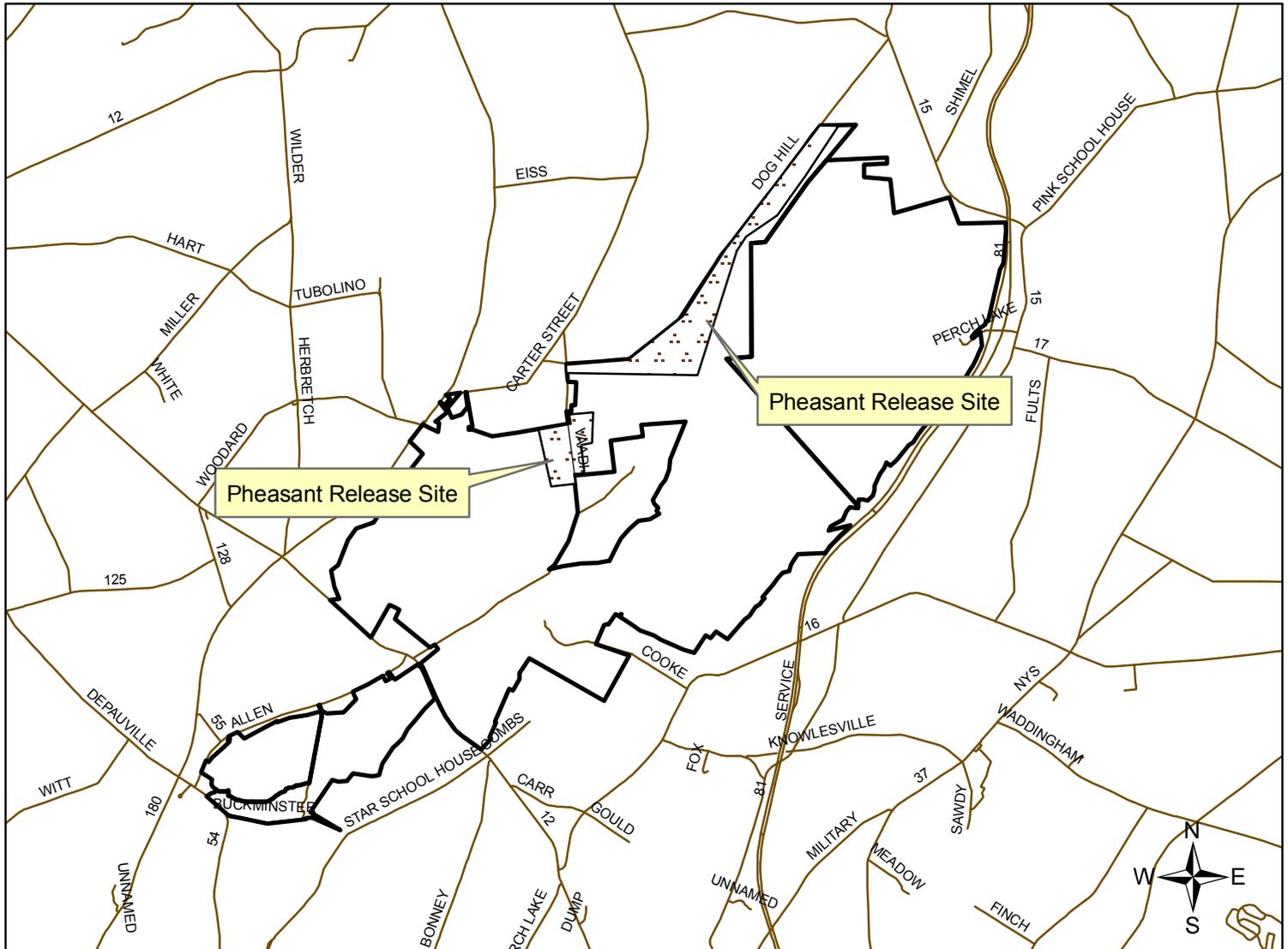
Drive south over the Barge Canal and Mohawk River.

Signs for the management area are visible from River Street.

Birds are stocked in fallow fields on the area.

No permit is required.

Perch River Wildlife Management Area Pheasant Release Site (Jefferson County)



Perch River Wildlife Management Area (T's/O Brownville, Orleans, Pamela)

Located in central Jefferson County. Area is bisected by State Rte.12, with access along Vaadi Rd. and Dog Hill Rd.

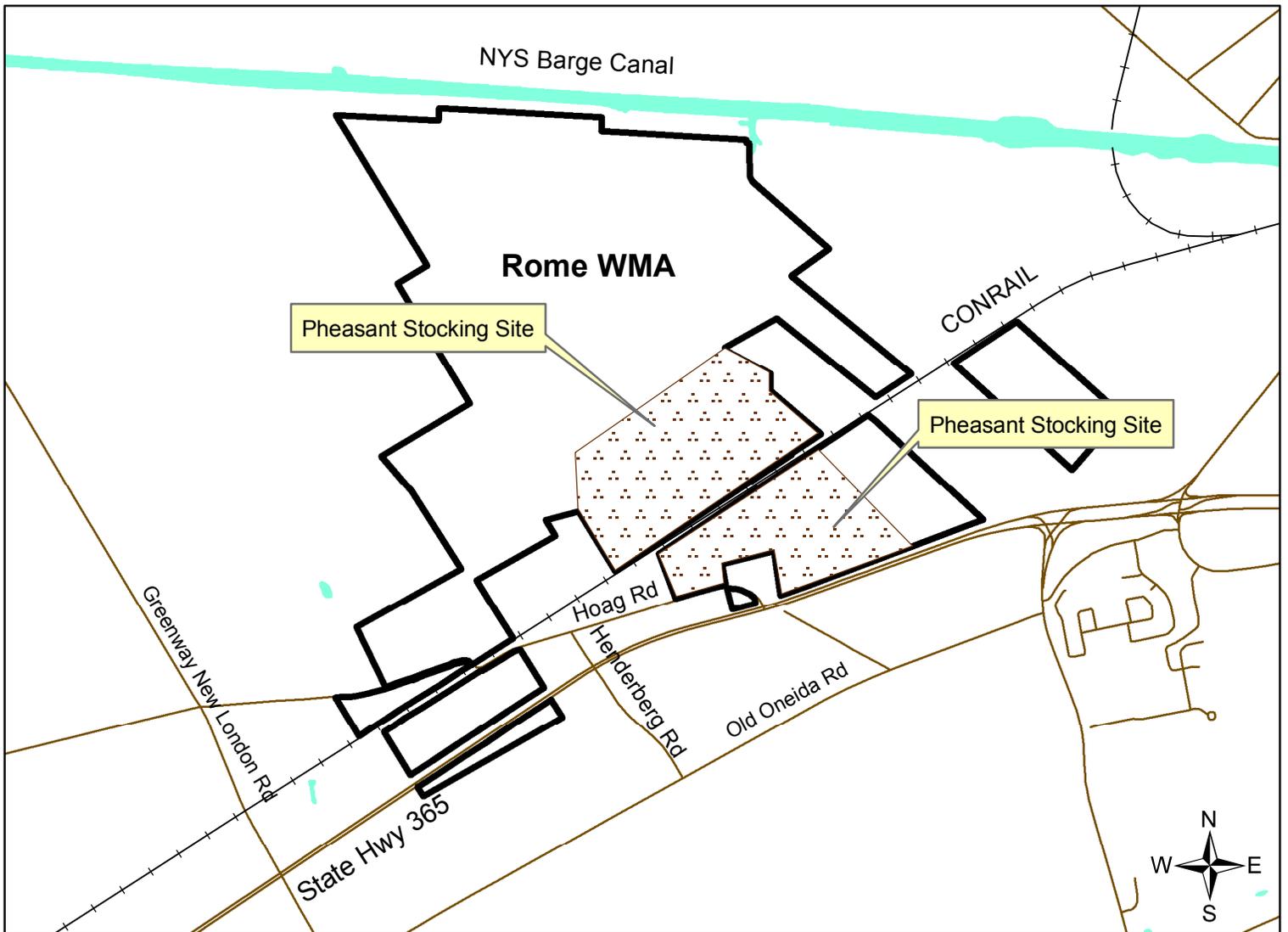
Habitat is primarily wetland with an upland component on this 7862 acre WMA.

Pheasants are stocked on Dog Hill and both sides of Vaadi Rd.

Hunting permitted on areas posted with NYS Public Land signs.
Hunting also permitted on areas posted with NYS Wetland Restricted signs after self-sign-in at the Vaadi Rd. check station.
Hunting is not permitted on areas posted with Wetland Refuge signs.

Regulations are posted at Vaadi Rd. check station

Rome Wildlife Management Area Pheasant Release Site (Oneida County)



Rome Wildlife Management Area (T/O Rome, off Route 365)

The majority of state owned lands is located north of the Conrail tracks and south of the Barge Canal.

Pheasants are released on the north side of the railroad tracks. These sites are old fallow fields that are not optimal pheasant environment.

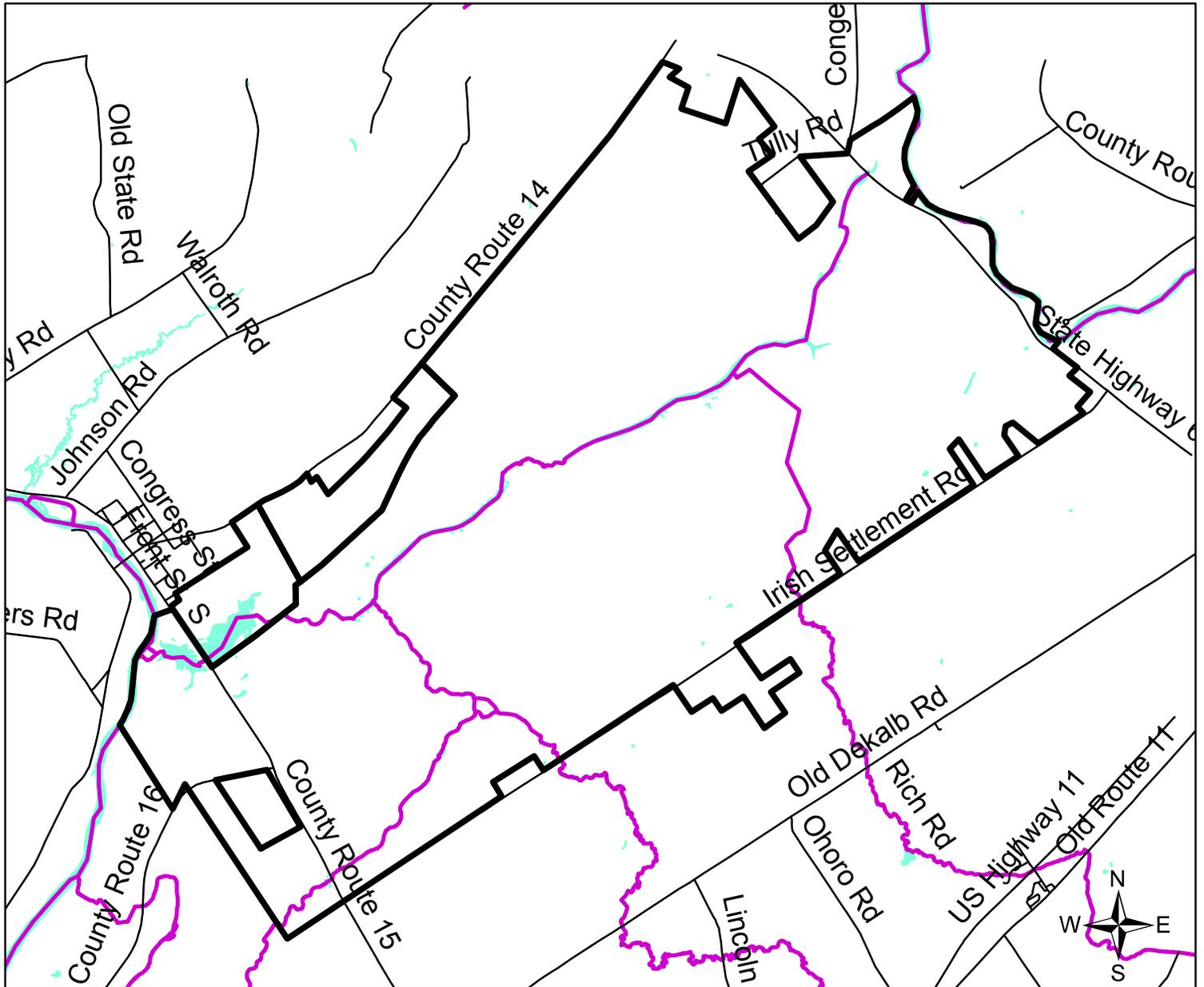
Railroad tracks are private property; hunters cannot legally cross the tracks. Access to the stocked area is by trail from parking area to hunting fields.

The parking area is located along Hoag Road. From Rome, take Route 365 west towards Oneida, and turn right on Greenway New London and then right onto Hoag Road.

The parking area is on the north side of the tracks just past the railroad bridge. Parking is in two small lots on both the left- and right-hand side of Hoag Road.

Hunters must obey private posted signs! No permit is required.

Upper and Lower Lakes
Wildlife Management Area
Pheasant Release Site
(St. Lawrence County)



Upper and Lower Lakes (T/O Canton)

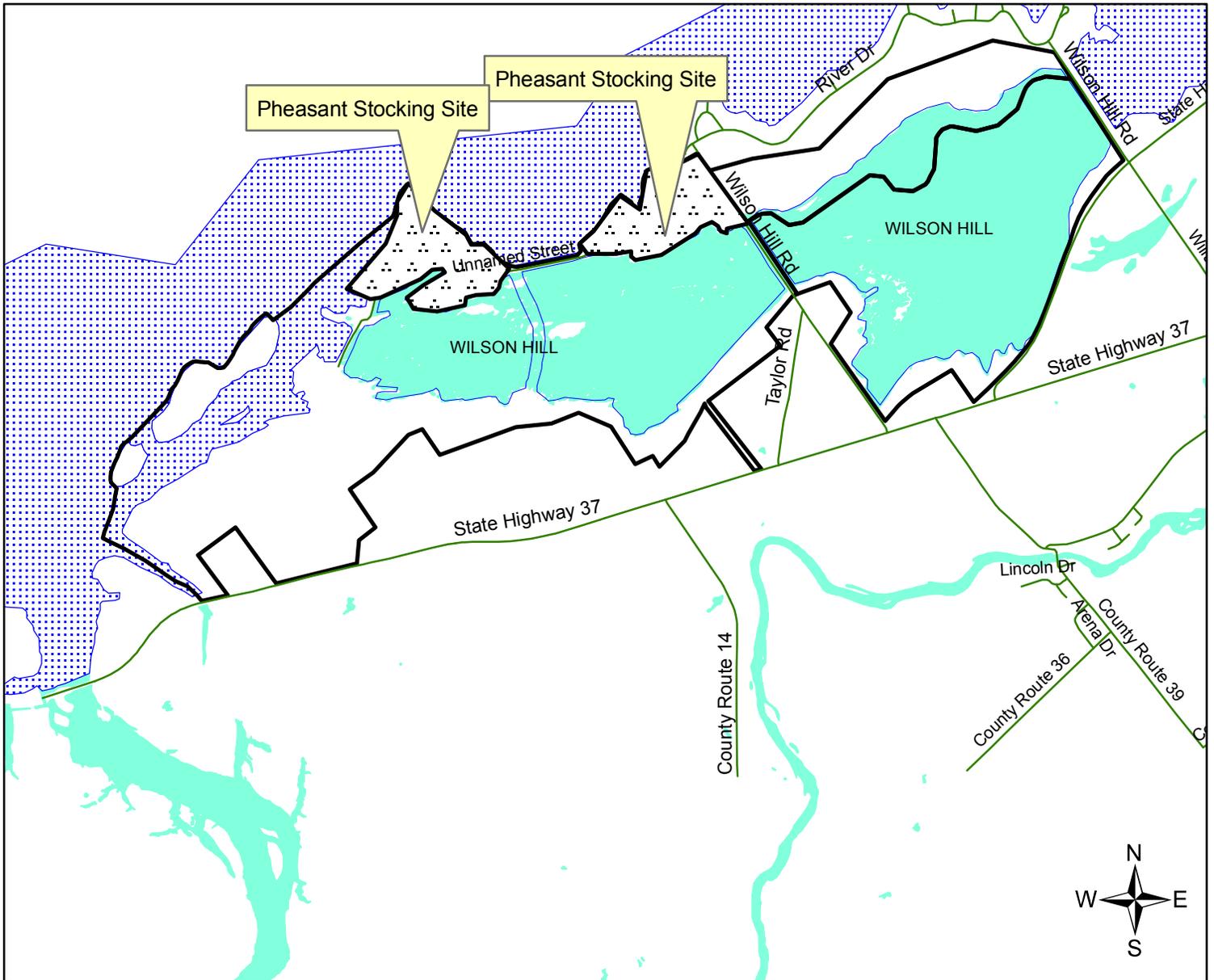
Pheasants are released along CR 14, State Highway 68, Irish Settlement Rd and on the public hunting area off of McAdoo Rd, (CR 16).

The exact locations for distribution vary slightly, depending on the number of pheasants available for stocking and ground/weather conditions.

Habitat is typically mowed hay fields interspersed with patches of dogwood, alder and willow growth. Birds may also be encountered along the edges of the wetland habitat found throughout the area.

No special use regulations

Wilson Hill Wildlife Management Area Pheasant Release Site (St. Lawrence County)



Wilson Hill Wildlife Management Area (T/O Louisville)

The area is accessed by taking State Route 131 to the Wilson Hill Causeway (opposite Willard Rd), and after crossing the causeway, turning left onto River Rd. There is only one way in and out of the area.

Pheasants are typically released in the upland areas surrounding the open marsh pools. Habitat is generally mowed or overgrown fields and old orchards. Once scattered, birds can also be encountered in the cattail and alder edges of the wetland areas.

Wilson Hill Wildlife Management Area is a Special Regulation Area. Regulations are posted at the kiosk in front of the Check Station Building.

PLEASE READ THE REGULATIONS BEFORE HUNTING!